

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bioabsorbable medical device, comprising:
a first bioabsorbable contact surface;
a second bioabsorbable contact surface for engagement with the first contact surface; and,
a bioabsorbable lubricating coating disposed on at least a section of each of the first and second contact surfaces, wherein the first and second contact surfaces are moveable with respect to each other,
thereby providing reduced device drag between the first and second contact surfaces.
2. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the first and second bioabsorbable contact surfaces comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, and copolymers and blends thereof.
3. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the bioabsorbable coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, ~~polyglycolic~~ polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, monoglyderide polyesters, and copolymers and blends thereof.
4. (Original) The medical device of claim 1, wherein the coating comprises 90/10 polycaprolactone/polyglycolide copolymer.
5. (Currently Amended) A bioabsorbable medical device, comprising:
a first bioabsorbable contact surface;
a second bioabsorbable contact surface for engagement with the first contact surface; and,
a bioabsorbable lubricating coating disposed on at least a section of each of the first and second contact surfaces, wherein the first and second contacting surfaces are moveable with respect to each other,
thereby providing reduced device drag between the first and second contact surfaces.
6. (Original) The medical device of claim 5 wherein the first and second bioabsorbable contact surfaces comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, and copolymers and blends thereof.

7. (Original) The medical device of claim 5 wherein the bioabsorbable coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, monoglyderide polyesters, and copolymers and blends thereof.
8. (Original) The medical device of claim 5, wherein the coating comprises 90/10 polycaprolactone/polyglycolide copolymer.
9. (Currently Amended) A bioabsorbable medical device, comprising:
 - a first member having a first contact surface;
 - a second member having a second contact surface, said second member engaging the first member such that the first and second contact surfaces are approximated; and,
 - a bioabsorbable lubricating coating disposed on at least a portion of the first and second contact surfaces such that said coatings engage each other, wherein the first and second contact surfaces are moveable with respect to each other,
 - thereby providing reduced device drag between the first and second contact surfaces.
10. (Cancelled) The device of claim 9 additionally comprising a bioabsorbable coating on at least a portion of the first contact surface, such that coatings on each contact surface are in engagement with each other.
11. (Original) The medical device of claim 9 wherein the first and second bioabsorbable contact members comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, polydioxanone, trimethylene carbonate, and copolymers and blends thereof.
12. (Original) The medical device of claim 9 wherein the bioabsorbable coating comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, polycaprolactone, monoglyderide polyesters, and copolymers and blends.
13. (Original) The medical device of claim 9, wherein the coating comprises 90/10 polycaprolactone/polyglycolide copolymer.

14. (Cancelled) The medical device of claim 1 wherein at least one of the bioabsorbable contact members comprises a bioabsorbable inorganic material.